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JW, PB,GRS (from whom I'd like to hear),

Does the meaning of R.S.P "requiscat ~~in~~ pace", opposite rest in peace, should this be the intent, do anything to your concept of this "threat"?

And if "glebe" is approximately Russian for bread (although I have a notion the phrase is intended to represent somethine else), would this added reference to grain mean anything to you?

Also, do you have any ideas now, from what you know or the impressions you may have formed of him, if this might be too sophisticated for KT?

I find myself wondering more and more about the man who phoned at something close to the time this was forwarded to me, an authentic scholar from what he said of himself and how he sounded, a linguist, anti-Communist (thought Oswald was part of a red conspiracy but said not wedded to it), experience in intelligence, getting disability from government retirement first month that with other benefits would give him $600 monthly income, but he is giving up $300 and taking university job Miami, and a man with some admitted problems, broken marriage, with children with his parents in Texas, whence he comes. His second call I thought he was a bit drunk, although there was no reflection of it in the voice, more the way he spoke. Perhaps it was something else, not liquor?

Anyway, he was to have sent me an order for a book, which he did not. That would have given me a sample of his handwriting or typewriter. He was to have come here 7/6, at 10 a.m., didn't, didn't phone to say he wouldn't, etc. No word since. All of it is rather strange.

He claimed to have been one of the translators who translated the tapes they made of Russian reaction to the U-2 overflights. He also claimed they had made similar transiting flights with the RB-47s, which I'm inclined to doubt, and again to have translated the reactions. Spoke wuite openly of classified things and said what can't be true, that the 17-year security has lapsed. Not with the U-2s.

If he told me anything truthful about himself, he'd not be too hard to find.

The editor referred to is of European birth. He has shown to the fiction editor of that large house and an intelligent black poet to get reactions, and, aside from being fascinated, none is inclined to dismiss out of hand.

This has taken so much time I might as well figure on making a novel out of it!

I've heard nothing from the official offices, where I've asked a Library of Congress check through concordances, not because Iexpect it to be fruitful but to eliminate the possibility something hidden can be found that way.

HW